

Appendix One

Community Fund Grant Criteria

All Community Fund applications will go through a three-stage process

Stage 1 – Technical Assessment

Experienced council officers assess applications and supporting documents to ensure both the applicant and the project/activity meet the Community Fund eligibility criteria and the council's minimum standards for funding.

Stage 2 – Panel Meeting

A panel of relevant officers meet to review all the applications to ensure they will benefit residents of the city and offer good value for money, good social value and meet with the core objectives of the fund. The Panel makes recommendations as to which groups should receive funding. Our aim at this stage is for as many applications as possible to be recommended for funding, subject to the available budget.

Stage 3 – Final Decision

The recommendations from the Panel are submitted to the Executive Director for Communities, Culture and Housing with delegated responsibility for community grants, who will make the final decision in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Heritage.

The Community Fund applications will be assessed against

- relevant data about need,
- a business case received from the applicant based on empirical data and
- community feedback/support reflected in the applications.

The process will involve the Community Cohesion Manager and Team, who will also ensure that wider issues of equality, diversity and inclusion form part of the review of applications.

Decisions about grant awards will be published on the SCC external web pages at: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/people-places/grants-funding/grants-awarded/>

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ELEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY FUND

Criteria

£40,000 in total over the two years will be awarded to support bids from

- Neighbourhood Watches,
- Community Associations,
- Residents Associations,

- Friends Groups.

To be used for local campaigns or projects that can help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, promoting safety and security in the area

Stronger Communities will run a pre-funding bid webinar to 'set the scene' and show examples of best practice

- These will run in 2021/22 to get early involvement of interested groups
- Help engage neighbours/residents in communities by joining or starting Neighbourhood Watch, Associations etc and strengthen their role in the City, e.g. community organised engagement events, start-up costs etc.

The Scope of Applications will be:

- Applicants will need a legal status or provide evidence of a host body to receive funds before applying for funds. Evidence that an organisation is applying for this status will be enough, but if successful money will only be released when achieved
- Applications must be linked to local anti-social behaviour or crime issues
- Applications from more than one group working collaboratively can be considered as well – This can include activity such as community resolution projects e.g. litter picks, removal of fly-tipping, support to schools, skip hire to clear amenity areas (subject to any land-ownership or legal responsibility issues, which the applicant must evidence can be overcome)
- Funding to set up Neighbourhood Watch Groups will be considered, provided match-funding with the Police has been agreed.

Decision's on awards will be made under Delegated Authority, by the Executive Director for Communities, Culture and Homes, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture & Heritage, following an officer panel review of applications.

All applicants will receive feedback on their applications and successful awards will be published on the Council's website at:

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PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FUND ELEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY FUND

Allocation £100,000 over two financial years

Stronger Communities will run pre-funding bid webinar to 'set scene' and show examples of best practice:

A total of £100,000 will be made available to support capital works to combat crime and anti-social behaviour. E.g. fences, gates to stop motorcycles, removal or installation of physical assets to prevent crime.

- Proposals will be invited from communities as well as suggestions from Ward Councillors
- Any capital works would need to be assessed by highways, community safety and discussed with the police
- Applicants would need to provide evidence of contact and in principle agreement from those teams to progress the work
- Applications based on strong evidence of 'local voice' and community support will be considered favourably provided the conditions above are met– eg; local surveys/polls on Facebook etc

Successful Shortlisted Applications will:

- Be assessed by a panel from Highways, Police and relevant departments for suitability and cost etc.
- Prioritisation will be given to applications based on reported crime/asb data, surveys etc
- Applications must be affordable and realistic
- SCC cannot fund projects that require authority to proceed from another accountable body such as a housing provider or statutory agencies.
- SCC cannot fund projects that are the responsibility of another accountable body to fund, but will consider applications that can demonstrate match funding from those bodies to proceed

Applications that can be considered include:

- Changes to limit or enable public rights of way, displacement of ASB, existing/previous planned works,
- Look at technical solutions e.g. 'chicane' barriers etc re motorcycle nuisance
- Value for money

Decisions:

- All decisions will be based on recommendations from a Panel involving Stronger Communities, Community Safety and Police, by Delegated Authority (following Cabinet member consultation)
- Awards will be flexible to recognise Value For Money, e.g. a scheme that is assessed to have a major impact by the panel can attract more funding

(‘sliding scale’), but may limit the panel’s capacity to award funds to other schemes.

A reporting structure will be built to ensure that funds are being used effectively and that they are making a difference. Decisions on awards will be made under Delegated Authority by the Executive Director for Communities, Culture and Homes, after consultation with the Cabinet Member Communities, Culture & Heritage following an officer panel review of applications

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SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH FUND ELEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY FUND

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£280,000 across two years, awarded to support youth groups, sports groups, charities in bids for time limited projects or seed funding for long term initiatives to engage with youth to address anti-social behaviour.

Proposed that £124,000 is allocated in 2021/22 and £156,000 in 2022/23

- Fund aims to leverage in 3rd party money or match funding from elsewhere.
- The bid would have to demonstrate additionality in the area
- Funding could be used to supplement other bids / funding sources – e.g. Community Chest or Members Minor Works.
- Councillors could supplement initiatives with bids from the Members Minor Works fund.
- SCC should also encourage the Police to bring forward any initiatives they support but would need this to be linked to a community or charitable organisation request.
- Applicants would need to evidence the support of either the Police, Housing Provider or Community Safety Team to be successful
- Can agree to extend effective projects into year 2 to maintain traction
- Two years allows unsuccessful applicants for first round to review and update applications if unsuccessful in year one

Stronger Communities will run pre-funding bid webinar to ‘set scene’ and show examples of best practice

- Max award amount £20,000 per year/per applicant

- Prioritisation will be given to applications based on reported crime/ASB data, surveys etc
- Applications must be affordable and realistic
- Effective and evidence-based proposals will be invited, e.g. using Youth Endowment Fund 'What Works' toolkit or Early Intervention Fund assessed interventions:
 - Sports/Physical activity based and delivered locally
 - Safe and appropriate use of motorcycles or other vehicles
 - Safe spaces such as youth clubs or meeting places for YP (Inc. expansion of existing schemes to attract more YP)
 - Skills based – improving self-esteem and self-confidence of YP
 - Music/Arts projects
 - Multi-generational activities
 - Family support
 - Mentoring
 - Support local cadet schemes to recruit more YP
- Legacy planning or match-funding proposals will be welcomed - could expand current small schemes or act to attract non-SCC funding (e.g. Community Chest, Lottery etc)
- Proposals will be checked against SCC Youth Provision list to avoid duplication
- Proposals will have to include number of young people expected to use the service funded by the grant, with detail of how the reach will be achieved
- This could include minor capital improvements, such as a youth club redecorating to make a building useable or more attractive for use
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STRONGER COMMUNITIES SUPPORT FUND ELEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY FUND

£50,000 across the two year to provide 'Pop-up' capability to support target ASB hotspots in the city with Diversionary activities.

- A small working group from Community Safety/Police will consider options – ideally vehicle or temporary structures to provide a platform and focal point for communities and young people to gather and engage
- Scope costs, risk assessments, licence etc requirements – rental/leasing/purchase options
- Establish what assets do other partners in the City already have or that can be improved to avoid duplication
- The Team will look into the versatility potential uses, with a simple SCC or Stronger Communities branding that can then be tailored with specific portable content from the user at the time e.g. Public Health outreach/promotion, supporting sex workers late evenings, events promotion etc

£10,000 across two years to support Communications/Media/Marketing

- To run a promotional/problem solving event in Autumn or Spring (ASB Week) with key stakeholders on ASB issues
- Promote and raise awareness of existing youth provisions in the City to ensure they are open to and being used by the key target populations – e.g. promoted messaging on social media
- Support community engagement events to discuss with resident's crime and disorder issues that affect them, involving stakeholders and key leaders
- Provide safety promotional items such as torches, alarms etc for use in winter

Provide banners, flyers, stands etc for stands at key community events to promote Stronger Communities and funding opportunities, as well as key information such as how to set up Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Stoppers and Fearless.

£20,000 – to provide immediate and short-term outreach workers to work with Testlands Millbrook Matters, in ASB hotspots in the West of the City.

- Building on VRU-funded work in March, kick starting activity in an area of the City with multiple risk issues
- Link with Police and SCC for work in key ASB hotspots
- Youth club, safe space and activities for the autumn period following on from the success of the summer holiday activity and HAF programme.

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The performance of all elements of this activity will be reported into the Safe City Partnership.

7th October 2021.